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Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	pantry@sjiparish.org 636-464-7580			
St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline	636-274-6520			

### Mass Times

Sat.: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am; 4:30 pm Mon.: 6:30 am Tues. - Fri. 6:30 & 8:00 am

### SACRAMENT *of* RECONCILIATION Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION T/W/Th 9:00 am—9:00 pm

### SACRAMENT *of* BAPTISM

Attendance at a Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes are held the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of the month; call to schedule.

# Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

For those who have been baptized Catholic or wish to enter the Catholic Church, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are required. For more information contact Sr. Rosemary.

# Sacrament *of* Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is seriously sick and would like a visit from one of the priests may call the parish office to request one. Hospitals no longer call parishes with this information.

### SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Contact one of the priests to begin your preparation at least nine months before the anticipated wedding date.

### Sacrament *of* Holy Orders and Vowed Religious Life

If you are interested in learning about a religious vocation, please contact one of the priests or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at stlvocations.org or 314-792-6460.

### Holy Communion for the Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion may call the office to make arrangements. Please stop by, call, or email the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass cards for *special intentions* or *in memory* are available; they may be picked up in the parish office. The stipend per Mass is \$10.



Mass Intentions		
Monday	March 31, 2025	
6:30 am	Wallace Crow, Jr.	
Tuesday	April 1, 2025	
6:30 am	Glennon Becker	
8:00 am	Edith Jelavich	
Wednesday	April 2, 2025	
6:30 am	Mary Engler Special Intention	
8:00 am	Mrs. Linda Rossi Special Intention	
Thursday	April 3, 2025	
6:30 am	Fabian "Sonny" Schilly	
8:00 am	Betty Price	
Friday	April 4, 2025	
6:30 am	Kurt Helfrech	
8:00 am	Regina Lang	
Saturday	April 5, 2025	
8:00 am	Rev. Martin Mulvihill	
4:30 pm	Werner Family Special Intentions	
Sunday	April 6, 2025	
7:00 am	Pat Darian	
8:30 am	Nick Hummel Special Intention	
10:00 am	Rosemary Shaughnessy	
11:30 am	Frank Halfmann	
4:30 pm	Pat Foster	

**Do you receive email from the parish?** We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails and wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at kjohnson@sjiparish.org or 636-464-1013.

Parish Stewardship 3/3/25 - 3/9/25			
	Current	Fiscal YTD	
Offertory			
Total collected	\$22,651.72	\$899,126.92	
Amount needed	\$28,099.92	\$1,011,597.23	
Surplus or <mark>shortage</mark>	\$5,448.20	\$112,470.31	
Special collections			
Tuition assistance	\$200.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100.00		
Sr. Christine's Food Pantry	\$1,913.00		

Please note the Parish has adjusted our published revenue numbers to now include offertory as well as other unrestricted revenues budgeted within the fiscal year to provide a more clear, comprehensive view of the needs to operate the overall Parish.



Would you like to help decorate the church for Easter in memory or in honor of your loved ones? If so, please put a minimum donation of \$13 in the Easter Flower envelope in your packet marked with your name and the name of your loved one. You can also use your Online Giving account and put the name of your loved one in the notes. Please submit by April 6th. The names of all your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin the weekend after Easter.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin submissions for Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, are due by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bulletin submissions for Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>st</sup>, are due by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to put "SJP" in the subject line. Send to bulletin@sjiparish.org



### From the Desk of Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor

### Stewardship Opportunity

As we continue to care for our parish community, I want to share a few important maintenance needs at the rectory. Just as our church is a house of prayer, the rectory serves as a home for your priests—a place of rest, work, and hospitality. Over time, like any home, it requires upkeep.

Currently, we need assistance with several projects, including:

- Storm clean-up after the severe weather recently there are many branches down in the yard.
- Cleaning siding some algae and debris has accumulated.
- Yard Work– would there be a group willing to mow the lawn and trim this season.
- Lawn restoration the yard is in bad shape and could use some attention.







If you have experience in any of these areas or are willing to lend a hand, I would be truly grateful. Even a few hours of your time would make a big difference. If you can help, please contact the parish office or speak with me after Mass.

### A Gift of Faith: Honoring a Generous Bequest

Our parish has recently been blessed with a \$47,000 bequest from a faithful benefactor who, in their passing, wished to leave a legacy to our faith community. This act of kindness and foresight is a beautiful testament to their love for our parish and their desire to ensure its continued strength for future generations.

With deep gratitude, I ask you to join me in praying for the soul of this generous donor and for all those Who have supported our parish, both in life and beyond. Their generosity helps sustain the mission of our church—allowing us to continue our liturgical celebrations, faith formation programs, charitable outreach, and the maintenance of our sacred spaces.

I also encourage you to consider remembering our parish in your own will or estate plans. A planned gift, no matter the size, is a meaningful way to express your faith and ensure that the good work of the Church continues for years to come. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave a legacy gift, please feel free to contact the parish office.

### **Pilgrimage Planning Meeting**

Many of you have expressed interest in going on a pilgrimage in 2026 with me. I would like to have an informal meeting to discuss details of what this would be. If you want to learn more about going on this trip, please consider attending one of the meetings on Thursday, April 10th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Imperial Room or Friday, April 11th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Parish Office. Don't worry if you can't make either of these, this is just an initial stage of planning to determine where we would like to go and the time of year.

# Triduum and Easter Liturgy Schedule

#### Holy Thursday, April 17th

- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph and St. John
- Altar of Repose until 9:00 pm at St. John and Midnight at St. Joseph

#### Good Friday, April 18th

- 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. John
- 3:00 pm Sations of the Cross at St. Joseph
- 3:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. Joseph

#### Holy Saturday, April 19th

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Joseph and St. John
- No normally scheduled Saturday Confessions or Vigil Masses

#### Easter Sunday, April 20th

- 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
- 9:00 am Mass at St. John
- No 4:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

# LENTEN MISSION

APRIL 8TH AND 9TH AT 7:00 PM ST. JOSEPH IMPERIAL

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED

FEATURING ADAM WRIGHT HOST OF CATHOLIC RADIO

# IN THE MIDST

SUFFERING

#### BEGINNING IN THE CHURCH EACH EVENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND SMALL GROUP HOSPITALITY TO CONCLUDE EACH EVENING



with outside confessors

# Thursday, April 10th from 5:30–7pm

Free babysitting available! No RSVP needed, sign in your child in the nursery upon arrival.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

### OUR PARISH PRAYING TOGETHER May those who are ill

be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:

Judy Becker Kathy Bonito Craig Buchan Scott Haase Eileen Kaiser Jim Kaiser Roland Kaiser Zoe Matthews Dena Moss Laura Sheets Lynn Stefaniak Noella Torgerson Betsy Wagner Scott Wist

Reminder: Names are published for <u>60 days</u>. Please contact the office to add/remove names.

### We pray for those in the Military:

Meaghan Angus Wyatt Cook John Costigan Caleb Curran Collin Fitzsimmons Kamryn Heredia Jack Jeffers Isaac Longtin Austin McHaffie-Sharp Jacob Sarfraz Jared Sheets Grant Staggenborg Jack Vilchis Lucas Weiland Megan Weiland



"Jesus himself is calling you to spend one special, specific hour with him each week." —Pope St. John Paul II

Please consider committing an hour each week to spending quality time with the Lord at the Adoration Chapel.

### **EXPOSITION OF OUR LORD**

Jesus' True Presence (the consecrated host - His Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity) is exposed in the monstrance on Tuesday - Thursday from 9am to 9pm. To sign up for any of the hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, please contact Barb @ 314-732-2256.

### **MOST URGENTLY NEEDED**

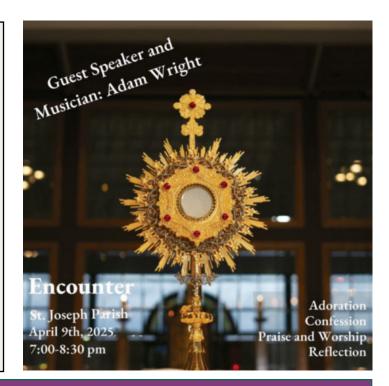
Wednesday - 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 4 pm Thursday - 3 pm and 4 pm

If Our Lord is not exposed, He is still there but hidden in the tabernacle. You're welcome to come to the chapel anytime. (Just need the door code from the parish office).



Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH



MARCH 30, 2025





# Jubilee Day-Pilgrimage

VISIT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

APRIL 25, 2025 DURING ENTREPRENEURIAL FAIR

PLEASE DONATE ANY SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE BOOKS YOUR CHILDREN HAVE OUTGROWN OR THOSE YOU WON'T READ AGAIN SO OTHERS WILL GET A CHANCE TO TAKE THEM HOME TO READ AND ENJOY.

DONATE ANY DAY IN MARCH! (MAR. 3RD - 28TH) DONATION BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GYM FOYER, AND THE CENTER HALLWAY ON THE MAIN FLOOR.



#### A word from

# Saint Joseph School

#### 2025-2026 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year remains open. We have availability in our 3 day PreK3 program. There are some additional seats in most of the other grades as well. If you have a student that is interested in joining us next year, contact us soon! Please call the Office at 636-464-9027 or submit an Admission Inquiry on the Admissions tab of our website. www.stjosephimperial.org

#### Day at the Ballpark

Cardinals fans get excited! Tickets for our annual Day at the Ballpark are for sale. Join us for the St. Louis Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds game on Wednesday, September 17th at 12:15 p.m.. The tickets are in the right field box sections 133 and 134, and they cost \$21 per person.

For further information, to buy tickets, and to register your 2nd-8th grader to sing the National Anthem, please visit https://www.stjosephimperial. org/For-Parents/Day-at-the-Ballpark/index.html.

#### Peter Pan Needs Your Help

We are looking for help in many different ways! Please contact Sr. Carol if you can help with any of the following, and we thank you in advance!

- Set design and painting.

- Donating props. So far we need: Lady's Hat, Top Hat, Items to Dust, White Tie, 2 Nightlights, Shadow, Soap, Sewing Box, Thimble, Acorn Button, Necklace, Fairy Dust, Hook, Boatswain Whistle, Toy Bow & arrow, Toy Arrow, Branches, Leaves, Cake, Rope, Broom, Medicine Bottle, Slippers, Newspaper, Blankets, Pillows, Vial of Red Liquid, Long Rope or Chain, Small Rope, Oversized Alarm Clock, 6 Toy Swords. If you have donations, please contact the Office prior to dropping them off so that we do not acquire too many duplicates.

- Providing a meal for the cast & crew during tech week in mid May, for about 20 students.

- Working as an usher or door helper.

#### Raffle for St. Joseph School at April 4 Fish Fry

The raffle at the April 4th Fish Fry benefits the School. If you aren't attending the event, tickets can be purchased in the office prior to April 4.

### March 30<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel today, the Prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father.



Know that your penance during lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. If you're reading this bulletin prior to this weekend's Mass, make sure to bring your almsgiving for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special collection!

> For more information, email Dbalsman@ymail.com

Prayer Meeting: 4/9, 6:30 pm Business Meeting: 4/28, 6:30 pm

All meetings in the Corpus Christi Center.

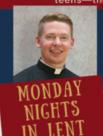
# Monday Nights 7 - 8:30 pm in the CCC

### MARCH 31 FORTIFIED

Is divorce destiny? How do I build the family of my dreams (not nightmares)?

### Scott & Claire Steinbruegge ...

...take a refreshingly positive approach to establishing faith at the heart of your family and overcoming cultural obstacles. They offer personal stories about marriage, raising children and teens—the challenges, successes and tips.



### APRIL 7 LOVED FR. JACOB BRAUN

Does God really hear me? Why is prayer so difficult?

### APRIL 14 INSPIRED ANDREW & ANDREA LANG

UNPACK presentations are offered by the Image of God Institute staff and speakers, unpacking the treasure trove of JPII's teachings, especially Theology of the Body. No RSVP necessary.

IMAGEOFGODINSTITUTE.ORG



**Prime Timers Our next Prime Timers meeting** will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 12:30 p.m. Anyone over 55 is welcome to join us! Welcome Spring! Amy questions call Lorraine

Simms at 732-259-0738.

# **GRIEF SUPPORT**

You do not need to grieve alone. Join others on the journey! The grief support group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, April 10th from 6-7 pm in the Corpus Christi Center. Amy Neu, a therapist with West County Psychological Associates will facilitate the meeting. For more information contact Amy at 314-275-8599 x178 or amy.neu1@gmail.com

### **Fifty Plus Club**

The Fifty Plus Club is having a luncheon at Detours, Seckman Rd. on Thursday, April 10th at noon. All are welcome for prayer, fellowship and fun, including a 50/50 drawing. Reservations are not required. Inquiries call Gary at 636-948-2354.

### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

If you have something for publication in the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@sjiparish.org. The deadline is each Monday at noon.





### **RaiseRight Gift Cards For Sale**

Order ahead or on the event day Wednesday, April 02, 2025

Gift cards are available for purchase in the school, or you can buy eGift cards or reload your gift cards using the RaiseRight app. Our school earns a percent rebate for every gift card sold through the RaiseRight program.

### Thanks for your continued support or our school!



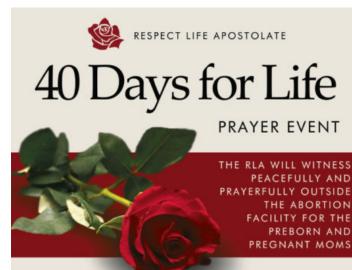


Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence.

Queen of Peace Center, a ministry of Catholic Charities, offers familycentered behavioral health care for women with substance abuse

disorders, their children and families. Queen of Peace Center, which serves about 1,000 women each year in addition to their children and families, also offers a variety of treatment options, permanent and recovery-based housing for women and their families and an early intervention and prevention program for children of women in treatment.

To learn more or to get involved with Catholic Charities, please contact your Parish Ambassador Carroll Lee Schilly by email at carrolleeschilly@yahoo.com or by phone at 314-973-4042.



### Friday, April 11, 2025 St. Louis, MO from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4251 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108



Carpooling and parking along Boyle Avenue is recommended. For questions, contact prolife@archstl.org

### **RLA NEWS**

Join the Archdiocesan RLA in peaceful prayer and witness at the First Saturday Rosary for Life, on Saturday, April 5. Meet at 9:30am on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 4251 Forest Park Avenue, for a pro-life Rosary with meditations and other prayers until approximately 10:30 a.m. The Salesian Sisters of Mary Immaculate also welcome us to their home at the convent next door, for continued prayer and fellowship afterwards. If you can't join us in person, please unite with us in prayer from wherever

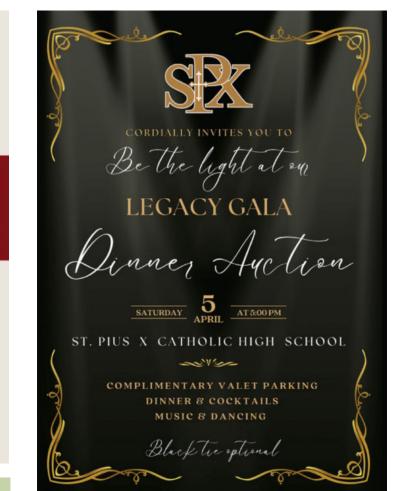
you are.



### ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us Sunday evenings from 8-9:30pm in the Gym for some pick-up games. All skill levels

are welcome. For more information or to get on the communication list, please contact adultsports@stjoehawks.com.





### Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO 8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO



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